Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The area now known as Bennett County was designated in 1909 by an act of the South Dakota State Legislature; and,

Whereas, The communities of Lacreek and Martin vied to become the county seat. After a spirited contest in the fall of 1912, Martin was chosen as the permanent seat of government in Bennett County; and,

Whereas, The citizens of Martin and Bennett County, many of whom descend from hardy homesteaders, early pioneers, and Native Americans, survived droughts, grasshoppers, blizzards and epidemics, and worked together to make their community and their county a "Place of Pride"; and,

Whereas, Now state government is going on the road to extend to the people of Martin and Bennett County a unique program called "Capital for a Day;" and,

Whereas, "Capital for a Day" is designed to benefit the working relationship between state government and the citizens of South Dakota by providing a local forum for expression of concerns and exchange of ideas and information between the governor, cabinet officials and other state personnel and local elected officials, business people, and the general public:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2005, as

MARTIN "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State